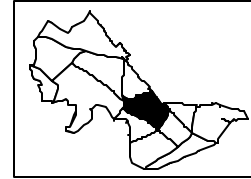


NEIGHBORHOOD 6

MID-CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, Hampshire Street, the Somerville border, Kirkland Street, Quincy Street, and Cambridge Street

POPULATION: 13,006 residents
5,989 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$37,075

Neighborhood #6 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 2 (2 officers) and 6R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 6A, 6B, and 6C.

2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Housebreaks in Mid-Cambridge experienced a six percent decline, which is the reverse of the trend in 2001 when there was a 47% increase. Yet, this year's numbers are still higher than in years past, where the average ranged from 25-40 breaks for the first nine months of the year. In the majority of the breaks between Harvard St. and Mass Ave., entry was gained to apartments either by forcing a side window open or forcing a door open. Once entry has been gained, the apartments are ransacked and laptops are a prime target of housebreakers in this neighborhood. • Following the citywide trend, **street robberies** in Mid-Cambridge have also decreased with four fewer incidents reported. Two of the third quarter's robberies resulted in an arrest. The first arrest was of a homeless man in June who was stopped by Harvard University's Police Department after stealing a purse from a woman. The second arrest was executed after an eyewitness positively identified a man after he assaulted his victim and stole a pack of cigarettes from his pocket. • **Larceny from motor vehicles** increased by a disquieting 68%, which also follows the city's trend of increasing larcenies. The substantial amount of activity (39%) occurred during the summer months of July and August, where the majority of the breaks occurred on or tapering off of Broadway. Perpetrators most commonly broke the windows to these cars and stole car stereo/CD players and other easily accessible items such as change and cell phones. •

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2001 & 2002

CRIME	3 rd Q 2001	3 rd Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	81	76	-6%
Street Robbery	13	11	-15%
Auto Theft	34	19	-44%
Larceny from MVs	65	109	+68%
Malicious Destruction	82	102	+24%
Drug Arrests	14	8	-43%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

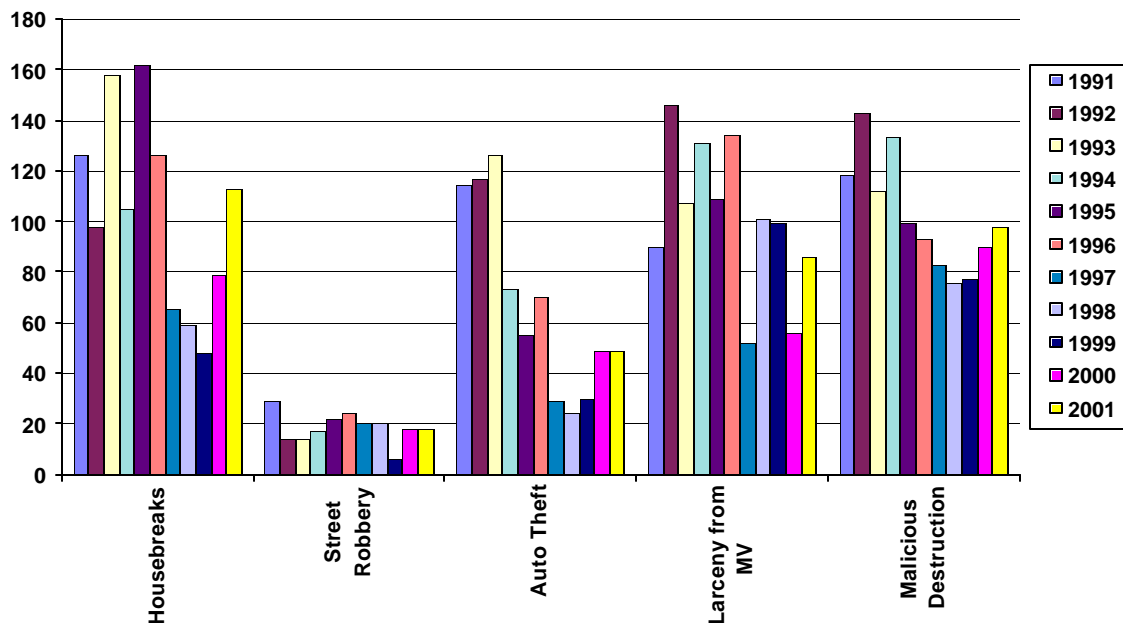
Mid-Cambridge is a busy neighborhood. In addition to the highest population of any neighborhood in Cambridge, Mid-Cambridge also has the city's largest high school (Cambridge Rindge & Latin), the Jackson Gardens residential complex, a good portion of Harvard University, and our own City Hall. It is bordered by the major thoroughways of Massachusetts Avenue, Prospect Street, and Cambridge Street, and three of the city's five busiest squares (Central, Harvard, and Inman) occupy its corners.

Because of the enormous number of people living, working, shopping, and going to school within its borders, Mid-Cambridge tends to have a higher than average rate for several crimes. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the western part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- **Residential Burglary** is naturally highest in a neighborhood with the largest number of residences. Though the rate of this crime has been cut in half since the 1980s, it still remains a serious problem. The largest clusters appear on Harvard Street between Prospect and Lee Streets, on Broadway between Lee and Ellery Streets, around the Massachusetts Avenue/Hancock Street intersection, on the lower half of Trowbridge Street, and on Lee Street. Mid-Cambridge also ranks high in **Larceny from motor vehicles** and the related crimes of **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**. The Cambridge Police Department strives to reduce both crimes through preventive patrol efforts, "Park and Walks," and priority investigation. Its 50 percent drop since the 1980s bespeaks some success.

- **Street robbery** is surprisingly low in Mid-Cambridge given its population. Most of the incidents that do occur happen on Massachusetts Avenue, on Cambridge Street, and in Inman Square.

- The high amount of pedestrian traffic on Massachusetts Avenue leads to a large number of **bicycle thefts** each year, particularly in or near Harvard Square.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR MID-CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	226	1	103	1	1
Street Robbery	49	3	18	5	3
Auto Theft	147	4	70	3	5
Larceny from MVs	198	1	106	2	3
Malicious Destruction	149	1	106	5	3

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest